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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a senior citizen with limited income.

My internet and phone service is from a very competitive local provider, not a major incumbent represented by the trade association USTelecom.

The incumbents, such as AT&T and Verizon, are seeking to stifle the competitive marketplace by petitioning for forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

My internet and phone service provider uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements to compete in the residential marketplace.

I will be materially and very seriously affected if you grant the petition for forbearance from Section 251(c)(3). My costs for internet and phone service will increase dramatically, to the point that I might not be able to afford both telephone and internet service.

I chose a small and local competitive provider because their service is better and the cost to me is significantly lower than that provided by the big incumbents.

I urge you not to grant the petition for forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

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